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Big Grid Season Looms

3 Powerful Clubs Represent Benning

All-American George Poschner to Play For 176th Infantry Gridmen

Fort Benning's biggest football campaign in history is just round the corner as baseball prepares to evacuate the sports teams and make way for the grand old grid game.

With a bumper crop of last fall's collegiate stars already on hand for the daily workouts, the 124th Gators, 176th Spirits and 300th Sabers are rapidly developing into grid machines that will spell trouble for every outside opponent on their schedule.

Latest ran-rah star to report is George Poschner, Georgia's All-American end of last fall, who gained eternal fame for his spectacular work on the receiving end of Fireball Franklin Sinkwich's passes throughout the regular season and in the Rose Bowl victory of the Bulldogs last January.

Poschner, just graduated from O. C. school twelve days ago, has been assigned to the 17th Infantry and reported Tuesday morning for his first workout in Spirit tags. Along with Poschner, the Spirits

and the Sabers are available since the man from the 1942 Bulldog eleven in the person of J. P. Miller, second-string guard on the Rose Bowl eleven.

The arrival of Poschner and Miller brought to four the number of ex-Bulldogs who will report to Doughboy Stadium this fall. (Rachael Davis and Jim Todd, fleet Georgia backs, already are vital cogs in the 1943 plans of the 124th Gators, last fall's post champions. Two of Alabama's Orange Bowl heroes, Sam Ehrp and Jack McKeven, are also wearing Gator colors this season.

Several hundred new prisoners arrived yesterday fresh from the wound around their feet in place battlefields of Sicily, and they along with those already at the camp at Fort Benning, remained silent as the men were told that peace had come to Italy.

Thousands of new prisoners were being taken through the processing machinery where they shed their old clothes and are issued new clean apparel, are inspected by doctors and generally registered at the camp.

Many of the men had rags

and clothes and many were the new

clean clothes in the bath and shave.

Perhaps it was a combination of both, but the contrast between the men waiting their turn and those who had been newly outfitted was unbelievable unless it were seen.

The one group looked wretched, the men barely dragging their feet. Those who had gone through the process had a spring in their stride, their new white undershirts practically glistened against the tattered bodies, and ragged and with obviously crushed spirit, nevertheless their eyes shone as they were convinced that they were saved.

"Next we will be Germany and Japan and then we can go home," one man shouted. Another made an unprintable comment about Mussolini.

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"One cannot rise to be, in many ways, the leading community in a civilized world without being convulsed by its agonies and inspired by its causes."

—Winston Churchill

We As a Nation Must Regain Shooting Eye

A worthy contribution to the United States war has been made by a New Haven (Conn.) arms maker in the form of an advertisement in the current issue of Life magazine.

It is an appeal, coming from O. F. Mossberg and Sons, Inc., that all civilians own .22 calibre rifles share them with their neighbors and teach them how to use the weapon. The nation-wide training program is sponsored by the National Rifle Association, Washington, D. C.

Intended to train the maximum of citizens in this country in the use of small arms, the rifle training program is invaluable to civilian defense units, state guards, war plant guards and watchmen, and prospective servicemen.

We feel it is especially necessary that men coming into the service have at least rudimentary knowledge of the weapons they will be called upon to fight with. Today LESS THAN TWO PER CENT OF THE INDUCTEES KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT RIFLED ARMS, the advertisement states.

Ammunition for the rifle training program is made available by proper government departments through the National Rifle Association. In a war which sees every trooper in a theater of operations armed, it is essential that every man be thoroughly familiar with his piece.

To expect that an inductee who comes into service entirely ignorant of firearms to be a crackshot and a competent armorer after a few short months of training is a huge order. However, it can and is being done.

But imagine how much easier the task becomes when the services induct a man who all ready has fired, cleaned or made some repairs on a gun.

America has had hundreds of rifle experts who have been immortalized in history. Daniel Boone and Sgt. Alvin York of the last war are two outstanding names which come to mind at once. Although planes, tanks and the old standard artillery are capturing most of the big headlines these days, remember this: many a Yank has been in a precarious corner in this war with nothing between him and the enemy but HIS rifle.

Lessons We've Learned Since Pearl Harbor

1: Our enemies—Japs and Fascists—are not supermen. They are damned good offensive fighters but like all men who are taught to die for their country, they aren't as strong as democratic men who are taught to die for their country, they aren't as strong as democratic men who have something to live for.

2: The Italian is just as ready to fight as the German.

3: Our equipment is the world's sweetest.

4: Our training is good, and most guys in combat wish they'd paid more attention to it.

5: You can't win without air support, but air power is indecisive without infantry and artillery. There is no substitute for artillery preparation and infantry occupation.

6: Lone Ranger tactics in fighter planes are magazine stuff; planes fight most effectively in squadrons, not solo.

7: Water is always scarce; a fighting man must condition his body to much less water.

8: It is a fatal error to shoot unless you have something to shoot at and destroy; you just give away your position.

9: Our soldiers work best when they know not just what to do but why they are doing it.

10: The best way to help a wounded man is not to stop and give him first aid but to press forward and cover the medics, who are equipped to give expert help.

11: The proper way to move forward is still either bent over or crawling. The man who runs standing up is a dead duck.

12: Tank destroyers should be used like artillery, not like tanks.

13: Jap and German units don't function too well after their officers have been liquidated.

14: K and D rations are better than Spain, and there is no substitute for the sugar report.

Lawson Tall-Skid

Soldier Scores Pay Day Drinking Habit

Habits are characteristic items of behavior. This foregoing statement simply means, the little things you do or say, the result of your thinking, whether favorable or unfavorable, are merely the repetition of things said or done. These things have heretofore been practised so often proportionately that they definitely become part of one's character. (Keep in mind your character is what you really are, not what others may think of you, which is ninety-nine times out of every hundred based on prejudices of some kind.)

Habits may be natural or acquired. Natural habits are those which we possess without any or very little effort on our parts. They are the habits provided us by Mother Nature, chiefly as protection. A concrete example is the winking of the eyelid when the eye is seemingly in danger. Natural habits are really inseparable parts of our physical beings. (Mind you, I am not going so far as to say, they are inherited for that is a matter on which authorities throw little or no light.) The other habits are those that are acquired. They are the ones which you, through

some effort on your part whose stimulus might

be

Beware of Scarecrow Diplomacy**Kay's Husband Says**

MAGAZINE ARTICLE TREATING HUBBY SHORTAGE MAKES HIM SHUDDER

As if I don't have enough troubles with Kay away I have to go and sit down for a quiet evening of reading, more or less so I can say I did that while she was gone and be honest about it, only to get upset by a condensed version in Reader's Digest of an article by Amram Scheinfeld called "The Husband Shortage," originally published in Collier's.

For instance it says "males are inherently weaker in resistance to disease and death." That's not bad. For all of us they could have put a period after the word resistance. The article is full of little things that are troublesome to my ease of mind. The writer says that because of a shortage of men in Europe girls have had to tolerate the double standard which works in man's favor. I dislike writers who make such sweeping statements, because if I had that person here right now we could make that go for a whole night's argument.

What really has me worried, though, is the suggestion that our present and future shortage of men might actually bring about polygamy in this country. (It's not likely to come about, I gather for some time, so Kay will be back in time to put in her objection.) Everyone has probably heard the old wheeze that a synonym for monogamy is monotonous, but to anyone what at first blush thinks that polygamy might offer certain advantages I advise caution.

My sleep is going to be disturbed just thinking about it. The fact is that 17 out of 100 men right now for one reason or another choose to remain bachelors. It's no use counting on those 17 guys even under polygamy, so just think what a strain that puts on the 83 of us left who chose marriage.

There was one ray of hope for me personally. Before the war there were six per cent more men than women in the West and I have a nice little brick house in Denver, but this writer comes along and suggests that women, not men, go West. That's why I say, why do writers like that have to come along at a time like this when I have enough to worry about already?

This Khaki'd World

By Pvt. G. I. GRIPPE

G. I. laundry's a wonderful thing—

To it we sing, to it we sing.

When a man's laundry comes off their lines Size 12 socks have been changed for nines.

And often it makes us feel quite rotten

To see linen hankies exchanged for cotton.

And it does little good to stew or fret

When another guy's drawers we sometimes get.

But what we never can figure at all

Is why the things are always too small?

Such things, of course, are minor contingencies. For the laundry has the best of intentions.

Well, we still aren't getting any response in our pleas and anxious cries for items from you guys scattered around this camp. Guess that's the thing that's got me beat—

Now how in the heck are we gonna keep neat

When a very specific order comes out

(An order's an order, don't ever doubt)

That limits the number of clothes per week

That we can send who cleanliness seek?

G. I. laundry's a wonderful thing—

To it we sing, to it we sing.

That's a right salty little like selling papers around the Patio Grill these nights. He asked Sgt. McCailey of ISD to buy one the other night and when Mac pulled the usual line about "I can't read," the kid cracked: "Well, you got a face like a goat, you can nibble at it then."

Mac bought, and read, not nibbled.

A couple nights later another of the urchins wanted to be allowed to sing with one of the bands that comes in to the P. G. each Tuesday and Thursday night. How a white kid ever could get such

ways a chance that she will go away on a trip and for a brief period of time a man can renew his touch with bachelorhood, or there is always a chance that a man can persuade one wife that he needs to get away from it all. But what chance would he have trying to get away with anything like that were there two, or worse yet, three or more?

And a man might spend years convincing one woman that there is nothing wrong with coming home late two or three gents unexpectedly that he had just met at Joe's Place. But to have to spend all that energy in several homes would just wear out a man's nerves.

Just think what happens when a man questions his wife's judgment about how she is bringing up junior. What in heaven's name would happen if he were to begin making snappy comments to one wife about how much better the other one handles a similar situation?

The threat is real, according to this article, and will happen unless the clergy, lawmakers, social scientists of all kinds and women bestir themselves. I'm going to get busy writing those that I know, and Kay better get back here and get to work too.

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USO Presents

NEW BAND SCHEDULE, O. C. DANCE, ARTIST AUDITIONS, AND FORUM SPEAKER

By PFC. SHELDON A. KEITEL

By arrangement with Special Service officers in various units at Fort Benning the Ninth Street USO has set its schedule of bands for the Thursday and Saturday night dances for the month of September. The schedule follows:

17th Infantry, tonight; 124th Infantry, Saturday; 40th Armored Regiment, Thursday, Sept. 16; Lawson Field, Saturday, Sept. 18; 300th Infantry, Thursday, Sept. 23; Lawson Field, Saturday, Sept. 25; and the 31st Armored Regiment, Thursday, Sept. 30.

An O. C. Dance will be held Friday in the Army-Navy YMCA-USO at 8:45 p. m. for men of the 4th Co., 3rd Student Training Regiment . . .

The band of the 31st Armored Regiment will play for the occasion, and a group of Shorter College Club girls will be present . . . The affair was arranged by Mrs. George Burris, volunteer worker at the Ninth Street USO directors to engage

audition time.

Miss Emily Woodward, director of the Georgia Public Forum, will be guest speaker for the occasion, and a group of Shorter College Club girls will be present . . . The affair was arranged by Mrs. George Burris, volunteer worker at the Ninth Street USO directors to engage

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LT. JERICHO GETS INTO HOT WATER INVENTING ORDER'S FOR FOXHOLLOW

By S-Sgt. TOM MCDONALD

Monday at our headquarters is usually a visiting day among the officers and men attached here for duty. These little courtesy calls are sometimes in "line of duty" and sometimes social depending mostly upon what one was last doing the previous Saturday.

In Colonel T. P. Swampwater's case, he usually made a social call on Monday morning provided he had finished his Saturday's assignment and a "line of duty" call if he hadn't finished it.

This was due to the fact that if he hadn't finished it, he always had to call on the officer working with him on the assignment so that he could remind him what the assignment was about, so that he could recall just where he left off with it.

On the other hand Colonel Swampwater's assignments were usually of such a nature that he could finish them early or else turn them over to Private Swamp or myself to clean up their loose ends. Thus this left him free for Monday morning social calls or to accept calls from his fellow officers.

To begin with, he started last Monday morning off by paying General Quagmire a "social call" to discuss the previous "peanut brittle" party. (If the call had been a "line of duty" call, it was the Colonel's policy to call on a subordinate officer so as to give no occasion for the use of harsh words from higher ranks detrimental to his morale.)

On getting back to his office, he immediately summoned me and inquired if any officer had been in to pay a call on him while he was out.

"Yes, Sir," I replied, "Lt. Jericho dropped by on a social call to tell you that he had heard a rumor that Major Foxhollow was leaving."

"Indeed," mused the ol' boy. "No doubt he is going overseas for combat duty. I hat to see Foxhollow go. He owes me 30 cents from last July. I'll miss him extremely."

"They say you should 'pocket your pride.' Non sense—throw the whole darn thing away."

Flaming youth is only what you would expect from cold parents.

Sergeant, go tell Captain Marshen

Chaplain's Corner..

BROKEN MELODIES OF LIFE

Chaplain F. M. Thompson

Life is a series of broken melodies.

The laughter in the baby's eyes soon turns to tears.

Some never even laugh.

The song of youth is filled with discords.

The finest friendships are severed.

Every home has its seasons of

heartache, despair.

The most favored of God will at last lie still

under the words of the preacher.

"The silver cord is loosed,

The golden bowl is broken . . .

And man goeth to his long home."

This is a tragic picture, make

no mistake. The mistake comes in

thinking it is the whole picture.

We overlook the time element.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear

heard" everything.

The clash of cymbal, crash

of organ and the doleful beat

of drum are often meaningless, disturbing. But in agreement with other instruments

the unrelated noises become

a part of a glorious piece of music.

So with our days on the earth,

they abound with strange, happenings, jarring sounds, no harmony. But Time, the great interpreter, will record an unbroken, a perfect melody. And the Colonels' fair

"Sweetest melodies are those that

Are by distance made more sweet."

colonel turned and added that

Foxhollow would be right up."

A few minutes later, in he came

and Colonel Swampwater shook

hands with him and Lt. Skylock,

Capt. Hillrocks, Capt. Marshen,

Lt. Dooling, and Lt. Jericho followed suit in that order.

"Sergeant," he says. "It is true that Major Foxhollow is being

immediately sent overseas to harass their communications?"

"Just heard he was leaving," said

"Foxhollow," I said. "Everyone else listened attentively.

"I'm not going anywhere," Sir replied Foxhollow.

"What?" Roared off T. P. "You aren't going anywhere. Did the War Dept. change your orders?"

"I never had any," replied the major.

"What about that, Skylock?"

said Capt. Hillrocks.

"Dooling told me," replied Skylock.

"Capt. Marshen, didn't you say

that Foxhollow was leaving?" asked Dooling.

"No," defended Marshen, "he colonel here told me."

"Sergeant," yelled Colonel Swampwater. "Where is Lt. Jericho, he was here just a minute ago?"

"Follow me, Sir!" I replied

were back, over to the northward filigree colonel pointing

to the dark backside where

only a pair of big eyes could be seen.

"Jericho!" thundered off T. P.

"Before you come out from behind that cabinet tell me who told you that Major Foxhollow was leaving?"

"Sir," I said.

"As I said before, Gentlemen, I

shall hate to see Foxhollow leave.

He is an officer and a gentleman

even if he can't play poker. Sup-

pose I call him to come by the

office so we can arrange a fare-

well party for him."

"Excellent idea," replied the

colonel's visitors as the ol' boy

wrapped himself around the tele-

phone and dialed for the major.

After a short conversation, the

colonel hung up.

"Sir," I said.

"With Major Foxhollow?" glared

Colonel Swampwater.

"I just figured he would be

one of those leaving," Sir," said

Lt. Jericho from behind the cab-

inet.

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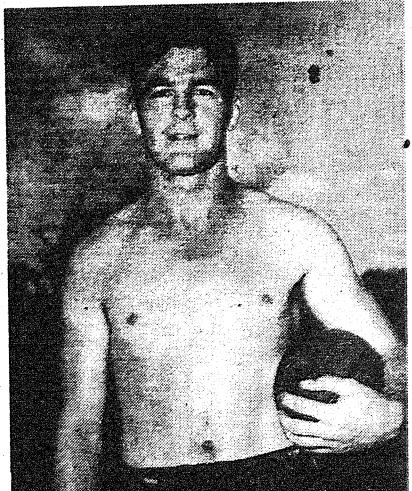
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Title Swim Meet Slated For Russ Pool



ALL-AMERICAN George Poschner, famous Georgia Bulldog end on last year's Rose Bowl eleven, is shown above just after he finished his first practice session with the 176th Spirits on Tuesday afternoon in the stadium. Tired and sweaty, he grinned at the prospects of playing against some of his old mates this fall. Lamar Davis and Jim Todd, teammates of Poschner's last fall with the Bulldogs, will play for the 124th Gators this season. (Signal Lab Photo by Sgt. Mel Stock.)

Spirit Gridmen Rounding Into Shape Slowly

Squad Still Green, But Spirited At Coach Lee Pollock

"We're getting shaped up as time goes by. The squad we have now is a little green, but the spirit's here and that's what counts." So spoke Coach Lee D. Pollock as he looked over his 76th gridmen as they worked out in Doughboy Stadium the other morning.

Assisting Pollock are Lts. Joe Thomas, Harry Hales, and Eddie Hipp, all experienced hands. With two daily workouts the 75-man squad is rounding into shape. Of course, it is much too early to select a starting eleven, but the mentors are lining up a nucleus around which to build the grid machine.

LINE MATERIAL

At the ends, Connie Adams and Hale are holding forth with such tackles as Frank Heidt, Bill Burns, Art Preston, and Hipp on their side. Promising guards include John Shea, Aubrey Gibson, George White, Lee Gehr, Chet Smith, and Jim Bailey. Likely linemen are Izzy Valorno and Bill Bishop.

At the line, the backfield is wide open at this time. Joe Kosch and Mary Matre are doing some quarterbacking with Ed Balser in the fullback slot. At the half-back position, backfield coach Thomas is trying Leo Mulrine, Ed Liebner and Pat Ranzone.

SEVERAL COLLEGES

Among the Spirit gridmen several have had considerable college experience. Head Coach Pollock was captain of Pennsylvania Military College's 1938 team while Tom Hale is holding down a backfield post for Dayton University. Hales and Hipp attended Southern institutions, the former at the University of North Carolina and Hipp at Davidson College.

Another Carolina product is Burns from the Presbyterian College alma mater of Bobby Rigg, tennis fame. Ronzone performed four years for Indiana U. while Gehr attended Drexel in Philadelphia for a like period. Another four year college player now in Spirit togs is Vallenette late of Upsilon College in the Jersey City.

Ex-Bulldogs wear the colors of Akron University for three seasons and Mathe ran at St. Cloud Teachers College for two campaigns. John Ryan and Phil Everling have both seen action as freshmen at University of Virginia and Missouri respectively.

At this point the schedule is incomplete, but Captain James Brown is aiding Pollock in arranging addition contests.

At Keesler Field, Miss., a 9-hole nine-hole golf course has been opened next door to the bowling alleys. So spacious is the course that 36 men may play tee-pee golf at the same time.

Buckley Tops 300th Golfers in Tryouts

In its first tryout qualification round last Saturday at the Fort Benning links, the 300th Infantry golfers showed surprising good form. Of those who were entered in the seventies, three in the eighties, two in the nineties and only one over one hundred.

Star golfer of the squad is Jim Buckley whose qualification last week was 72. Buckley was the wettierweight champion for five years running at Illinois College and during his recent furlough surprised the gang at the local club by establishing a new course record of 69.

Panthers Invade Alabama For Bouts With Tuskegee

Will Help Dedicate New Stadium At TAFS Friday

In the second of the series of inter-college boxing bouts, the Fort Benning Panthers will travel to Tuskegee, Alabama, tomorrow evening to meet the Bent Beezer Club, representing the Tuskegee Army Air Field, in twelve fast-moving bouts.

OUT FOR REVENGE

The Panthers will be out in full force to avenge their defeat of last month in bouts held at Doughboy Stadium. The glove-clad Panthers will send out notably Jimmy Mitchell, Dutch McDaniel, Schoonmaker, Orie Smith, Bill Young and Floyd Gidley, all veterans in the boxing game, into the ring.

Newcomers who will represent the Panthers and White team will be Joe Gehr, Tiger Peterson, Rose Burton and Perry Livingston.

PACE FIGHTS

George Pace, former world bantamweight champ and Benning's most popular fighter, will head the fast bout, meeting Ed Peck, Ohio slugger in an expected fast five rounds.

The Panthers have been undergoing a rigorous training session under the leadership of two of Benning's top-notch pugilists, Timothy Still and Eddie Jackson.

At Tuskegee Army Air Field tomorrow, the dedication of a newly built stadium will herald the fighters to new glories as a crowd over five thousand is expected to witness the exchange of blows.

Gator Golfers Top 1st STR Links Foe

In one of the closest matches in the current series of golf contests played at the main post, the 124th Infantry Gators defeated the 1st Student Training Regiment, 19-12 to 16-1-2 last Wednesday.

Mike Bilowich and Vernon Willoughby, playing the number one match, set the pace in scores with 74 to 76 and gathering 2 to 1 points. Bishop won 3 points to continue an undefeated record for three matches.

The Gators won three of the four-ball matches to gain the winning margin of three points.

Sabers Punch Way to Victory Over Spirits

By SGT. FORREST KYLE
Gaining decision in four of the six bouts, the 300th Infantry Sabers beat out on 8-4 decision over the 176th Spirits last Friday night at Doughboy stadium in the opening intra-regimental boxing match of the new season.

Two other bouts involving light-heavy and heavyweight were scheduled but a regulation preventing competition between officers and enlisted men forced the cancellation of the final two fights on the day of the bouts.

GARCIA WINS
The 300th had all the way, although the Spirits had a chance to tie the score in the final scrap of the evening. Rudy Garcia of the 300th, however, out-punched Eugh Miller of the Spirits all the way in the middleweight division to assure the Sabers victory.

There were no knockouts in the bouts.

The closest tussle of the night pitted the 300th's pride, Raul Franco, against the Spirits' Fred Aguirro, in the bantamweight class. Both boxers had many amateur championship to their credit. Aguirro further enhanced his reputation by out-fighting Franco to get the judges nod.

CLOSE SCRAP
Virgil Flowers, 300th flyweight, had too good a left hand for Billy Seals of the Spirits and, thanks to points accumulated in the third round, gained the decision in the opening bout of the program.

Joe Garcia, Saber lightweight, was an elusive fighter in the three bouts he entered and the Spirits' Godfrey Eustace, who had his way.

Aguirro brought the 176th into the victory column in the middleweight bout but Dan Davis, Saber lightweight, made the score 8-4 in favor of the Sabers when Vic Thompson of the Spirits was disqualified for foul blows. Davis was out in front on points when Thompson disengaged himself.

MILLER ON TOP
Lloyd Miller put the Spirits back into the lead with a decision over the Sabers when a tie was declared.

Miller had too much height and weight, made the score 9-4 in favor of the Sabers when Vic Thompson of the Spirits Godfrey Eustace, who had his way.

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300th Team Meets Georgia Tech Squad

Sabers Will Field Strong Team For Game in Atlanta Against Engineers

By SGT. FORREST KYLE

Georgia Tech, already tabbed as certain to be one of the gridiron powers of the nation this fall, will provide the highlight game of the 300th Infantry Sabers' football schedule.

The clash with the famed Jackets will be staged at Grant Field, Atlanta, on Saturday, Oct. 16th.

Even though the 300th's schedule is not complete, Georgia Tech automatically becomes the "big" game: the game for which the Sabers will point during the next month.

STRONG SQUAD . . .

The Sabers hardly will be lambasted to the slaughter field next Oct. 16th for, as Coach Bob Friedland said, his two right-hand men, Ernest Allen and Joe Routh, have assembled a squad which should compare favorably with any service team in the country.

More than a month of daily sessions already are behind the Sabers. The first action competition for the Sabers will come the 20th, this month in a practice game.

The 176th Spirit and the 124th Gators, incidentally, will furnish four Fort Benning conference games for the Sabers. Another game is booked with Daniel Field on an August gridiron, while negotiations are now being carried on for games with other colleges.

EX-COLLEGES

The three Saber coaches have quite a number of former collegiates and professional luminaries from which of fashion a starting lineup. As a matter of fact, the coaches themselves have a brilliant background. Friedland was a crack end for Michigan State, captain of the Blue eleven in the North-South game at Montgomery, and last fall performed on Col. Bob Neyland's Eastern Army All-Stars.

Routh was an All-American guard at Texas A & M, and Allen scammed on to the Kappa Alpha crew.

Along the forward wall, the Sabers have left and experience. In addition to Friedland, the leading end candidates include Sgt. Dean Robinson of Georgetown, John Gilmer of Birmingham, Capt. Charles North, Carolinas, Capt. Texas A & M, and Capt. Simmons of Texas A & M.

HUSKY TACKLES

Four husky tackles scrapping for a starting job are Roger Reeves, 210-pound, ex Texas Christian; Lt. Jim Robinson, 225 pounds from Texas A & M; Michael Fronn of Penn State, a 225-pounder; and Bill Southwick, 220-pounds, from the University of Nevada.

There is no lack of talent for the guard posts, either. Lloyd Gandy of Oklahoma A & M, and an All-American mention in addition to being a national intercollegiate wrestling champion. Before entering the service he was sought by the Chicago Bears. Then there is Blaine Sterner from Bowling Green, Ky., and, from 1942 backfield also are on the roster, namely: Bill Meek, Bill Nolting and Ike Peeler.

Others battling for jobs are Hal Edge of Georgia Tech; Johnny Siboo of Long Beach, Calif.; Juniper college, Oliver Knob, from a Cross State Teacher's, The Ed. Club, and Lasalle high of Chicago, Ill.

Allen, who looked unusually good in a recent scrum, is expected to be the Sabers' star halfback runner. He probably will share the tailback spot with Al Solaro, UCLA back who made the longest run against Georgia in the last Rose Bowl game.

Three members of Tennessee's



Big Panther Sports Year Is Concluded

3rd STR Service Unit Hangs Up Good Record

The fact that the Service Battalion, Third Student Training Regiment, is rounding out a year of creditable participation in athletics has only served as an inspiration to the men who can find little time for celebration.

From the standpoint of contests won, the average by-stander certainly would not say ours has been a successful year for the scores have failed to favor the Panthers on many occasions. On the other hand, with the situation, morale, and other intangible benefits taken into account, this has been an outstanding year in the development of this organization.

PANTHER MENTORS . . .

Much credit for the success of the Panther program must be given to Lt. Col. John S. Roosma, Commanding Officer of the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, just the sort of physical training program the regiment's tactical officers have needed, avers 1st Lieutenant Eugene White of the 9th Company.

And Lieutenant "Gene" White ought to know—he starred in the twin twin sports of football and wrestling at the University of Indiana before the bugle called him to an even tougher game and one that he's playing "for keeps."

Building a winning team is right in Lieutenant White's line. In 1941, he captained the successful Indiana eleven that licked Nebraska 21 to 13, and Purdue, their traditional rival, 7 to 4. This season an injury suffered in the hard-fought Notre Dame tussle kept him from actively participating in more than a game or two.

The year before, Lieutenant White, as right guard, played in every game. He made all of Indiana's place kicks and sent the pigskin spiraling over the posts for a field goal to give his team a 3-0 victory over Purdue in 1940. In that year he was also active in the winning and won his valuable letter in that sport. Cost—a injured knee.

Called to active duty, Lieutenant White arrived at Fort Benning late in May, 1942, to attend the Officers Basic Course. Ever since graduation in September he has had a special officer assignment to the 1st Student Training Regiment. Despite the endless responsibilities of his position, Lieutenant White still finds time for an occasional softball game. And now he's look forward to organizing a touch football team as the season gets under way.

The final series to determine a 1943 diamond champ will be a seven-game affair with the games being played on consecutive days, barring rain. In event of rain, the scheduled game will be played on the following day. All games will be held in Gowdy Field, starting each night at 7 o'clock.

Swim—

(Continued from Page 6) 5-3-1 basis with the exception of the relay where the winning team will earn 10 points, the second-place team 6 points, and the third-place team 3 points.

7. There is no limit on the number of entries which can be accepted from any given unit.

8. In the event of a large number of entries in any event, trial heats will be held. These will be decided on a time basis.

Benning's Own 'World Series' to Open Sunday Night at Gowdy Field

Fort Benning's own "world series" will open on Sunday night in Gowdy Field at 7 o'clock with the Academic Regiment, first-half post champions, opposing the Service Regiment, first-half post champions, in the second-half play-off series.

When the Bayonet went to press last night, the second-half winner had not yet been decided, but it was announced that the "world series" of Benning baseball will open Sunday night, regardless of which team captured the second-half laurels.

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Ramazotti's Homer Keeps Spirits in the Title Series

Bob Ramazotti and Lefty Wissman, two of Benning's finest diamond performers, teamed up again Tuesday night to pull the 176th Infantry back from the depths of defeat and earn the

Spirits a thrilling 2-to-1 win over the Parachute school to even the post's second-half title series at two-to-two-all.

Ramazotti won Tuesday night's game for the infantrymen when he

slammed a 345-foot home run over the left field fence in the last half of the eighth to score "Shuffle" Lohr ahead of him, and the crowd went wild.

Up until that terrific blow of the Spirit shortstop, the TPS nine had the game won on the basis of a single run scored in the seventh frame. Pete Bardin, burling for the chutists, had the Spirits well in tow, and it looked as if the paratroopers were just about "in" as second-half post champs.

But Ramazotti, a splendid competitor, changed the entire outcome of the game and possibly the series with his drive. After Bardin had retired one batter at the start of the fatal frame, Lohr managed to work the TPS hurler for a walk. Then on a one-and-one count, Bardin tossed a high curve to the ever-dangerous Ramazotti and the "Ram" poked it out of the park to put the Spirits right back in the series.

Had it not been for Wissman's steady mound work, however, the chutists would have sewed up the game long before. The crafty southpaw gave up six hits over the nine-inning route but was stingy in the pinches. He had the paratroopers and kept them under control except in the seventh.

In that frame, Frank Mancuso, brother of National-leaguer Gus, opened with a Texas league double down the rightfield foul line, and the chutists third on an infield out. He then scored on Dale Porterfield's timely single to give the TPS nine a temporary lead.

Wissman was superb the rest of the game, as he had in his second win of the series. The great southpaw has now accounted for both Spirit wins, and undoubtedly will be in the bullpen tonight for emergency service in case Cooper's

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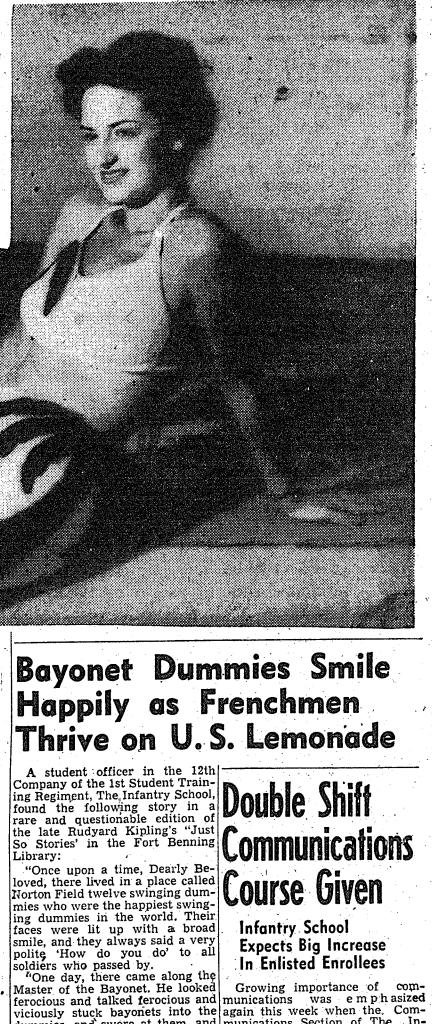
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RED-HOT ACTION was dished up aplenty last Friday night when the 300th Sabers punched their way to a ring win over the 176th Spirits in Doughboy Stadium. Above Hugh Miller, Spirit middleweight, shoots a right at the chin of Rudy Garcia, Saber rocker, who gained the decision in the windup bout. (Signal Lab photo by Pvt. Bob Rumer.)

PIN-UP GIRL OF THE WEEK . . .

RUSS POOL RAVE—The lads down at Russ Pool, which provides the scenic background for our pin-up shots, came forward last week with their own selection of a swim queen for pin-up honors. Heeding their advice, we photographed her on a chance and here's the result! Right nifty, we'd say. Her name is Virginia Gold and she hails from out Chicago way. Hubby is an officer candidate named Edward Gold, who you might remember as the father of "Mac" Gilders. He's in his first term. We basically suggest that Mr. Chicago's missus ought to rate some kind of a title for similar reasons. We can't tell you much about Virginia, because she appeared for the photo, then disappeared right away, and we haven't been able to find her since. But the pic speaks for itself. We're sure you'll pay most attention to the swim suit with its modernist motif, but just in case you're interested in the wearer, we'll tell you she's slim, petite, olive-skinned and dark-haired. A glistening beauty, no less, and now let the picture speak for itself. (Signal Lab photo by Sgt. Don Kortemeier.)

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Bayonet Dummies Smile Happily as Frenchmen Thrive on U.S. Lemonade

A student officer in the 12th Company of the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, found the following story in a rare and questionable edition of the late Rudy King's "Just So Stories" in the Fort Benning Library.

"Once upon a time, Dearly Beloved, there lived in a place called Norton Field twelve swinging dummies who were the happiest swinging dummies in the world. Their faces were round, their bodies were simple, and they always said a very polite 'How do you do' to all soldiers who passed by."

"One day, there came along the Master of the Bayonet. He looked ferocious and he took the dummies and beat them into the ground, and swore at them, and the dummies began to lose their happy smiles.

"Now, just about the same time, there lived all over the shores of the big American Ocean 34 Frenchmen who had got to be Frenchmen. They made a lot of made bayonets, large ones and small ones, interlacing them and loading them with B.A.R.'s (Dearly Beloved, you must not ask how they loaded them, but they interlaced them with the I.S. D. football eleven.)

"However, one look at the trophy case in the main barracks will suffice to prove that Sgt. Trott's great fame as an athlete rests mainly on his bowling activities. It was Trott, as a matter of fact, who helped design the Post Bowling Alley, of which he was once the manager. He captained the I.S. D. team for ten years, during which time the team won eight out of ten championships and finished second the other two years.

POST BOWLING ACE

In addition, he was a member of the post bowling squad and played against teams from the leading cities of the south—Birmingham, Pensacola, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans.

His lifetime average, as recorded here at Fort Benning, is 189, while his high score in bowling is 277.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

Inasmuch as a few coaches have not yet returned their balls on the all-star baseball selections, announcement of the final choice for the mythical nine in three post leagues will be delayed until next week's edition of the BAYONET. Look for the all-star teams then!

Red Sox Oppose Reception Center In First Playoff Battle Tonight

The titans of Fort Benning's colored baseball circles will clash at Gowdy Field tonight at seven o'clock in the opening game of their playoff series for the 1943 Service League title when the 1st STR Red Sox oppose the Reception Center tossers.

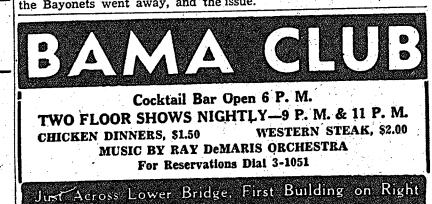
The Red Sox swept to the first-half title without a defeat and were tumbled only once in the second-half. That defeat was at the hands of Roy Welmaker and the Orphan nine which won the last-half crown without a loss.

The series will be a five-game affair with the Service League trophy awarded by the F. B. A. A., going to the winner. It will be played on consecutive days, with the first three games slated for tonight, Friday and Saturday at Gowdy at 7 o'clock. The fourth tilt, if necessary, will be at 2 o'clock Sunday in the big park, while a fifth game will be played at Reception Center Field Monday night if needed.

In that frame, Frank Mancuso, brother of National-leaguer Gus, opened with a Texas league double down the rightfield foul line, and the chutists third on an infield out. He then scored on Dale Porterfield's timely single to give the TPS nine a temporary lead.

Wissman was superb the rest of the game, as he had in his second win of the series. The great southpaw has now accounted for both Spirit wins, and undoubtedly will be in the bullpen tonight for emergency service in case Cooper's

For Bardin, the defeat was a heartbreaker. The splendid right-hander pitched his second full game in four days, coming back with only a two-day rest after beating the Spirits Saturday night by a 5-to-4 count.



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Book Found on Body Of Officer By Yanks Under Col. McGowan

How the Japs slowly cracked under the relentless drive of American forces on a Pacific island is related in a between-the-lines but nevertheless vivid fashion in a diary found near the body of a dead Japanese officer whose division was captured in a battle led by Lieut. Col. Francis J. McGowan. Colonel McGowan recently came into the Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School after several months' service in the South.

JAP CONFUSED

Added to the last few entries are some notes by Colonel McGowan, which tend to explain the confusion that was in the officer's mind as he wrote. The transcript which follows is a literal translation made by a Filipino soldier—hence the incomplete sentences, hanging phrases and other peculiar constructions.

Arrived in [redacted] Nov. 15, 1942. Dec. 24—Ukuda Nebrus died of illness. In the end, those who are weak will die, he always was the most eager to drink water.

Dec. 25—Sawada and Vahude died of illness, malarial fever affected his mind and he acted very

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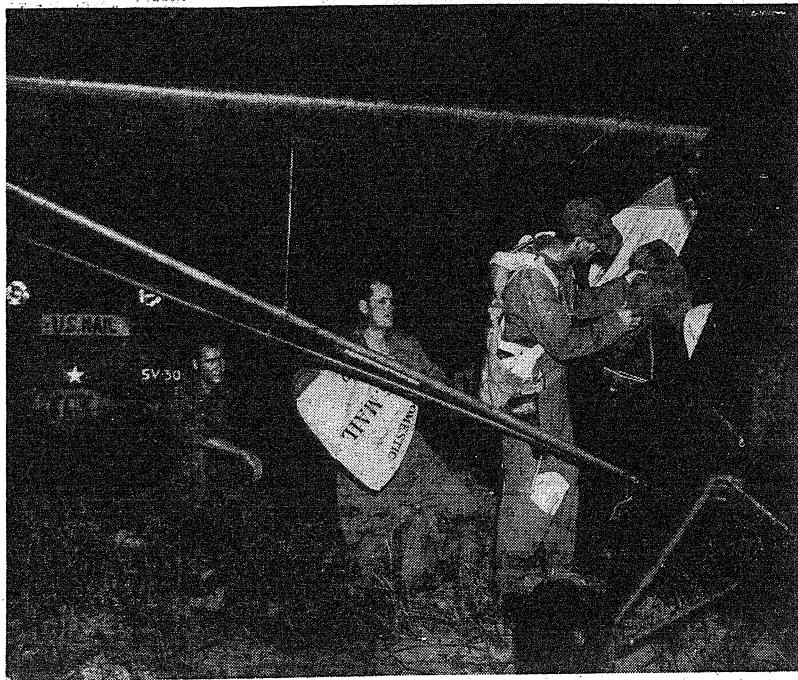
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peculiar after eating his meal, he died suddenly. This death increased the total of those killed in action and from disease to the large total of 18 men. This makes approximately the total of losses received in the occupation of Hong Kong and Java. I believe that a decisive victory for the Japanese man's mind was entirely occupied of the thoughts of eating. We are waiting for the Spring-Sprout to come out, and we dream of the joy of reducing the island more than ever. The arrival of the sprout is finished and the candle plane will come over in large numbers.

Dec. 26—Asaba Kazuo also died of illness, it may be because he was unreasonably overworked. Dec. 27—Oba Kazuo died from illness, it was noted that he lasted only a few days, was overcome by the rains that came over every afternoon in his life in the jungle.

Dec. 28—1st Lt. Fomia died of wounds received the day before. Now without seeing the face of the island hill split down normally in the jungle. My tears overflow.

Dec. 29—Yamamoto Kyochi died from a wound, such the weak soldier with weak wills are no good, for they die from a slight wound. His wound was trifling but hardly any bleeding, now the casualties are 25 men. VICTORY IN '43

Dec. 30—By the 15th of next month transportation of supplies and troops will be carried out and the 16th from the rear will pass us and after bombardment by planes and artillery we will carry out a general attack. In

two months all of — will return to our hands, then the enemy will not be able to hold the Tulei area, I believe that a decisive victory for the Japanese man's mind will take place and shall be everlasting life in military history.

Jan. 1—Two officers of the company have died, one ill and the other at the front, there is now no one to be my loyal assistant. I am anxious to see him and see him again. Col. Sato, Mr. and Mr. Sato, and a long talk. I learned many things I would not ordinarily have learned, such as deficiency and ordinary training of troops—guard duty maneuver and lack of education, as compared with the Japanese, there is much of this I can put to use.

Jan. 2—I am waiting for Battalion Commander Maj. Nokiri. I am anxious to see him and see what type of person he is. As I was ill I stayed at Battalion HQ. The total of those who have died now are 31.

Jan. 3—Supplies are gradually improving, we only have to endure 10 days more.

Jan. 4—In the evening the main forces of the Battalion arrive, although it is called the main force it consists of only 5 men. The battalion must have taken a very serious beating.

Jan. 5—Thirty-six more men departed for a battalion of the 1st Battalion.

Jan. 6—Hearing of conditions in each company from the NCO's it seems that supplies are not coming, characteristics are revealed which are not known under ordinary circumstances, such as the true nature of human beings.

Jan. 7—A certain company the company after lost almost all of his prestige by giving two cigarettes each to the men of his command, thanks to my equality like an ordinary soldier those under my command shall share alike, supplies have started to come in and under my system of business and brought many things extra, there was good feeling all around. Tukuzan of illness.

FOOD SIT WORSENS

Jan. 10—Major Mishimura again drew men from the reserve unit this afternoon, although the company commands the main forces, of the main forces of the company there are only 19 men in all it is really terrible to see the electric lights on the—enemy airfield. The food situation is worse.

Jan. 14—Communications cut off from rear, we don't know what is going on.

(In this on date this date the Americans launched a full-scale attack.)

Jan. 17—I have a very empty stomach so I killed some large ants and ate them, they really were very good tasting, we really don't know what is going on here, and the enemy situation is not clear either, at 1 o'clock the enemy artillery started firing on us.

(During this period, a Japanese regiment, upon its refusal to surrender, was shot to pieces.)

Jan. 20—The fifth and eighth companies commanded kind yesterday. The eighth company many retreated backwards, to receive a naval bombardment also. It is also too much.

Jan. 30—At 10 o'clock we were on special alert. Today's chow: Special Ants.

(Lieutenant Ogakina's body was found Feb. 4th.)

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In words, it would be a reverent "Oh, boy!" The male type is repetitious, "Bird dog! Bird dog!" and the note of impious command. In words, it might be interpreted as "Come here!" or, more lengthily, "Here, bird-dog!"

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